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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (SUBJECT LINE ADDED)

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, FI, UR

SUBJECT: KEKKONEN DECLARES FINLAND READY TO STAGE CSCE THIRD  
STAGE AT ANY TIME.

REF: HELSINKI 1045 AND 1066. STATE 114278

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1. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN INTERVENED IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FINLAND'S INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE CSCE BY ISSUING A STATEMENT LATE MAY 15. KEKKONEN STATED THAT "DEVELOPMENTS IN FINLAND'S INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION CAN IN NO WAY BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO THE MEETING OF CSCE STAGE THREE AT THE DESIRED TIME. FINLAND IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, READY TO RECEIVE THE FINAL STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FOLLOWING THE DAY ON WHICH ITS DATE IS DECIDED."

2. FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN ALSO RESPONDED ON MAY 15 DIRECTLY TO PREVIOUS DAY'S PRESS REPORTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW BY CALLING THE STORIES "EXAGGERATED." HE SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT HE AND PODGORNYY HAD DISCUSSED "POSTPONEMENT" OF CSCE STAGE THREE FROM JULY TO AUGUST. HE AND PODGORNYY SPOKE ONLY ABOUT JULY, KARJALAINEN ADDED. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT SAME DAY KARJALAINEN DENIED THE ENTIRE "WARNING" STORY. COMMENT: WE FIND THIS DENIAL UNCONVINCING, HOWEVER, SINCE OUR ORIGINAL REPORT HAS BEEN RECONFIRMED BY SENIOR CENTER PARTY OFFICIAL.

3. WITH REGARD TO DOMESTIC POLITICS KARJALAINEN TOLD FINNISH RADIO THAT THE GOVERNMENT SITUATION SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO "CALM DELIBERATION" DURING THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY HOPED PARLIAMENT WOULD SIT OUT ITS FULL TERM AND THAT EARLY ELECTIONS WOULD NOT SOLVE ANYTHING. (THIS IS AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT KARJALAINEN HIMSELF TOLD EMBOFF JUST BEFORE HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW AND WITH WHAT IS REPORTED STILL TO BE THE ATTITUDE OF CENTER PARTY'S PARLIAMENTARY GROUP -- THAT THE CENTER PARTY SHOULD PULL OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END OF MAY AND URGE THE PRESIDENT TO CALL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN AUGUST. KARJALAINEN DID ADD, HOWEVER, THAT IF, AFTER NEW ELECTIONS, A NEW GOVERNMENT COULD BE RAPIDLY FORMED AND COULD BE COUNTED ON TO GET ECONOMY IN SHAPE, THEN AN EARLY ELECTION WOULD BE SUITABLE. COMMENT: WHAT KARJALAINEN DID NOT SAY WAS THAT HIS TWO TO THREE WEEK PAUSE FOR DELIBERATION MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO SHOW WHETHER A SUMMER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CSCE PHASE THREE IS POSSIBLE OR NOT.

4. FINNISH POLITICS IS NOW EVEN MORE CONFUSED THAN USUAL AND PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S SPEECH NEXT MONDAY IS AWAITED WITH PARTICULAR CURIOSITY. AUSTAD

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